

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were pending in the Application. Claims 1-19 stand rejected. Claims 20-23 stand allowed. Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 17 are amended by the present Amendment. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the Specification and claims. Claims 18 and 19 are hereby canceled. New claims 24-29 have been added and depend upon allowed independent claim 20. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the present Amendment.

Interview with Examiner

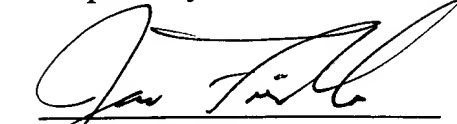
Applicants thank the Examiner for her courtesy in extending invitations to discuss the rejections, the cited art and the amended claims via telephone. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and assistance during the interviews during the past few weeks, and are pleased that the Examiner and the Applicants have been able to agree that the claims, as amended herein, are allowable over the cited art. The amendments to the claims made herein are identical to those faxed to the examiner for discussion on March 10, 2005 and agreed upon by the Examiner and the Applicants' representative, Jason P. Fiorillo, Esq. (Reg. No. 52,892).

Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the application and claims 1-29 in light of the foregoing Amendment and Response, and respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

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